GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:247
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2000
DROUGHT RELIEF
RAM JEEVAN SINGH;RAMCHANDRA PASWAN

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent drought affected States lifted an insignificant portion of the allocated foodgrains stock and preferred financial assistance to meet the situation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the Central financial assistance was given to the State Governments as against the demand;

(d) whether any assessment has been made by the Government to find out the actual utilization of the Central financial assistance for providing relief to drought affected areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.247 TO BE ANSWERED ON AUGUST, 2000 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a) & (b): Special allocation of foodgrains at Below Poverty Line (BPL) rates was made to Gujarat, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh, in the wake of drought, for supply to the affected people. The details of quantity allotted and quantity lifted as intimated by the Department of Food & Public Distribution, are indicated below:-

(in lakh tonnes)

FOODGRAINS

STATE	Quantity Allotted	Quantity lifted
Gujarat	4.19	0.88
Rajasthan	5.26	3.23
Andhra Pradesh	4.36	4.29

(c): Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) was released to these States during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001In addition, assistance was provided to them during 1999-2000 from National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) in the wake of drought. Details are indicated below:-

(Rs. in crore)

State	Calamity Relief Fund	National Fund for Calamity Relief

	1999- 2000- Assistance 2000 2001 Demanded	Released		
Gujarat	121.05	131.14	722.16	54.58
Rajasthan	155.25	168.18	1144.40	102.93
Andhra Pradesh	107.69	77.78	720.36	75.36

(d) & (e): Distribution of relief assistance and undertaking relief measures at the ground level are the responsibility of the State Governments concerned.